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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic*.

Edinburgh, Monday September 30, 1723.

From the Evening Poſt, Sept. 21.
This Day arrived a Mail from Holland.
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THeir Catholick Majeſties left this City on the 9th Inſtant to go to Balſain. They lay that Night at their new Caſtle called St. Illeforſe. This is the firſt Time of their Lodging there, ſince that Palace was finiſhed.

The freſheſt Letters from Italy ſay, That the Great Duke of Tuſcany is very ill, and that Madame Royal of Savoy has been at the Point of Death, but begins to recover again, ſo that her Phyſicians hope her Royal Highneſs will not die this Winter.

London, September 24. On Friday the Regiment of Horſe, commanded by the Lord Cobham, is to be reviewed near Hampton Court by Earl Cadogan.

The Dutcheſs Dowager of Buckingham is very ill at Paris.

The Officers in Camp begin to prepare for breaking; 'tis talked that towards the Cloſe of the laſt Week; the Train of Artillery will be ſent back to the Tower.

Yeſterday came a Letter from Mr. Spindola, a Taylor in Black Fryers, who went over to Calais to take Care of his wounded Brother, intimating, That his Surgeons have great Hopes of his Recovery.

This Day at Noon South Sea Stock was 112. South Sea Annuity 100, 3 qrs. Bank 120. India 135; 3 qrs. African 12, one half. York Buildings 13.

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From the London Gazette.

Dublin, Sept. 14.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes in Parliament aſſembled.

Moſt gracious Sovereign.

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland in Parliament, do, with Hearts full of Joy, beg Leave to congratulat your Majeſty on the timely Diſcovery, which by the Divine Providence, and your Majeſty's inceſſant Vigilance and Care, hath been made of the late moſt dangerous Conſpiracy to ſubvert the Conſtitution of theſe Kingdoms, and which by the Bleſſing of God on your Majeſty's moſt wiſe and prudent Meaſures, hath been ſeaſonably prevented from taking Effect.

We cannot more effectualy ſhew our Abhorence and Deteſtation of ſuch wicked and unnatural Contrivances, than by declaring the juſt Senſe we have of the many Bleſſings we enjoy under your Majeſty's moſt auſpicious Reign, and by aſſuring your Majeſty, That we are determined on all Occaſions to uſe our outmoſt Endeavours to diſappoint all treaſonable Deſigns and Practices of your Majeſty's Enemies, againſt your moſt ſacred Perſon and Government.

We are bound in Duty and Gratitude to return your Majeſty our moſt unfeigned Thanks for the Aſſurance we have received, (on which we intirely rely) That the Proſperity of this Church and State ſhall always be your peculiar Care, that you have nothing more at Heart, than to make us a happy Proteſtant People. And we are truely ſenſible of your Majeſty's great Goodneſs to us, in continuing his Grace the Duke of Grafton, our Chief Governour, whoſe ſteady Zeal for your Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and prudent Adminiſtration, have rendred him highly acceptable to all your Subjects of this Kingdom.

And we aſſure your Majeſty, that we will to the utmoſt of our Power, ſtand, by and aſſiſt your Majeſty againſt all your Enemies both at Home and Abroad and will with the greateſt Chearfuneſs and Unanimity, grant ſuch Supplies as may be neceſſary to ſecure the Peace and Tranquillity of this Kingdom, and ſupport your Majeſty's Government with Honour.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt.

Dublin, Sept. 14.

The humble Addreſs of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, to his Grace the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

May it pleaſe your Grace.

WE the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, do with the greateſt Pleaſure again Addreſs your Grace, to congratulate your Return to this Kingdom in the high Station of Lord Lieutenant, and to return our heartieſt Acknowledgments for your excellent Speech delivered from the Throne to both Houſes of Parliament. The Experience we have already had of your mild and juſt Adminſtration, gives us the faireſt Proſpect and greateſt Hopes of being made eaſy under ſo prudent Government; and the repeted Aſſurances your Grace has been pleaſed to give us, that you will uſe your beſt

Offices

Offices in promoting the Good of this Country, leave us no Room to doubt of your good Intentions towards us.

Your Grace's promiſing to have ſuch Laws made as may beſt provide for and employ the Multitudes of poor that infeſt the whole Kingdom, and free us from the Crowds of Popiſh Prieſts, whoſe Numbers of late contrary to Law, are greatly increaſed among us, is a great Demonſtration, That the King's Service and the Good of the Kingdom are moſt of your Thoughts.

We ſhould be wanting to our Country and our ſelves, if we neglected laying hold of this Opportunity of ſaving both; and therefore we do aſſure your Grace that we will apply our ſelves to prepare ſuch Heads of Laws as may be moſt conducive to relieve us from the Difficulties we labour under, and ſhall at all Times readily concur in every thing elſe that can be thought of towards the ſtrengthning the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, and ſhewing our ſincere Duty to the King, and Gratitude to your Grace.

To which Addreſs his Grace was pleaſed to give the following Anſwer.

My Lords, *I think my ſelf very happy that by my Conduct, I have merited that Eſteem and Affection which your Lordſhips expreſs in your Addreſs; and it ſhall be my care to preſerve that Continuance of them by my future Services to this Kingdom.*

London, Sept. 21. We hear that the Swiſs Servant of Mr. Lock one of the unfortunate Gentlemen murdered near Calais has been examined by the Lords Regents anent the particulars of the barbarous Murder.

His Daniſh Majeſty ſeems firmly reſolved to have a Fleet of 20 Men of War next Spring in caſe of Need; and its ſaid the Court of Sweden has taken the ſame Reſolution.

They write from Marſeilles, That they are equipping eight Gallies, and rendering the reſt fit for Service: And from other Ports of France we hear that they are about to reſtore their decay'd Navy, having already 10 Men of War fit for Service at Breſt.

From the Weekly Journal.

The Proteſtants at Leghorn are now no longer moleſted, and the Engliſh, in particular, have all the Liberty they can deſire.

They write from Italy, That the Fire which a Priſoner kindled at Verona, to create a Confuſion and facilitate his Eſcape, has conſumed all the Records of that City of 300 Years ſtanding, together with the public Magazine of Salt; as alſo the Chapel, with ſome curious Paintings of great Value, done by the famous Paul Veronez, &c. The Priſoner was neverthels reapprehended, and will be moſt ſeverely puniſhed.

The Venetian Ambaſſador at Conſtantinople frequently goes to the Imperial Miniſter there, to confer Notes; for tho' there's no great Danger from the Armament of the Turks for this Year, yet 'tis feared the Peace will hardly continue another.

They write from Paris, That an ingenious Artiſt there has invented a new Sort of Stuff of Feathers, ſo neatly and curiouſly wrought, that no Brocade or Embroidery of Gold, Silver or Silk, can compare with it. He has made the Curtains and Valence of a Bed of it, and having ſhewed it at Court, all were ſurprized at it, the beſt Judges not being able to gueſs what it was made of, till they unravell'd a ſmall Pattern of it. The Curious ſay, this Sort of Curtains and Valence is worth 800 000 Livres; and as the Inventer deſigns to make Shew of it Abroad and afterwards ſell it to the higheſt Bidder, 'tis like we may ſee this Curioſity here very ſoon.

London,

London, Sept. 21. The following diſmal Tragedy having been hitherto but imperfectly related, take it as follows: On Thurſday-morning laſt, Mrs. Seabright and Davis being in one Chaiſe, and Mr. Monpeſſon and a Servant in another, with a Servant on Horſeback, were, ſome 7 Miles from Calais, attacked by ſix Ruffians on Horſeback, who demanded the 300 Guineas which they ſaid they had about them: The Gentlemen, having no Fire Arms but one Carabin unloaded, readily ſubmitted and gave them their Money, Rings, Watches, *&c.* Yet the Vilains, the more effectually to prevent a Diſcovery, after a ſhort Conſultation, reſolved to Murder them all; and thereupon ſhot Mr. Seabright into the Breaſt, and then gave the Word for killing the reſt: Then Mr. Davis, who was in the Chaiſe with him (having in the Interim loaded the Carabine) ſhot at one of the Ruffians; but miſſing the Fellow, killed his Horſe: Upon which he was immediately killed, being ſhot and ſtabbed in ſeveral Places. Mr. Monpeſſon and the 2 Servants were likewiſe ſoon diſpatched in a very barbarous Manner; but Mr. Monpeſſon and one of the Servants lived till they were carried to Calais, where the Servant ſtill lives under Cure; but Mr. Monpeſſon died on Saturday-noon. During this bloody Scene, Mr. Lock coming down a Hill within Sight of them, in his Return from Paris, the Ruffians ſent two of their Party to meet and kill him; which they did before the poor Gentleman was apprized of any Danger; But his Man, who is a Swiſs, and ſpeaks the French, begging hard for his Life, was ſpared, and is now in England. Mr. Lock had eſcaped this fatal Accident, had he taken the Advice of the famous Mr. Robert Knight, who was at Paris, and would have made him make the Tour of Italy with him before he went to England. This happening near a ſmall Village, where they had taken their 2d Poſt, a Peaſant came by in the Interim, and was alſo murdered. Several Men and Women came alſo up before they go: off; but they lying flat on their Faces till all was done, were ſpared. They partly flea'd and otherwiſe mangled the Horſe that was killed, to prevent its being known; ſo that 'tis believed they live not far from Calais.

Aſſoon as they were gone, the Country People ſtripped the dead Bodies, and digging a Hole near the fatal Place, threw them all in: But News coming to the Governor of Calais, he had them all taken up, clean'd and put into Coffins, and immediately ſent out Archers in queſt of the Murderers, and diſpatched Expreſſes to Paris and other Places.

Theſe unfortunate Gentlemen, not being accuſtomed to travel, had unwarily diſcovered at Calais what Sums they had about them, by exchanging their Guineas for Louis d'ors, which is ſuppoſed to have given Occaſion to this diſmal Tragedy.

From the London Gazette, September 24.

St. Lucar, Auguſt 29. On the 20th inſtant came into this Port, a Ship from Cadix, ſent hither by the King of Spain's Order, and intended to try the State of the Bar, which lies at the Mouth of this Harbour. Her Burden is about 600 Tuns, which is that of ſome of the largeſt Galleons at preſent made uſe of; ſhe is laden as deep as any of theſe Veſſels that go to the Spaniſh Weſt Indies are permitted to be, and is deſigned for that Voyage, with a Fleet now preparing at Cadix to go out in a ſhort Time. The Inhabitants of Seville flatter themſelves, that the Intention of the Court in making this Eſſay of the Entrance of the Harbour, is in Order to bring back the Commerce to its antient Channel; and as this Ship came in with great Facility, many are in Hopes of ſeeing the Flota, that is expected to return next Year, arrive in this River.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Sept. 24.

LEtters from Madrid adviſe, That on the 4th Inſtant 'twixt 6 and 7 in the Morning, a Fire broke out at the Duke of Oſſuna's Houſe adjoining to the Convent of Maravillas, and ſpread it ſelf to every part of it almoſt in an Inſtant.

ſtant. The D. and Dutcheſs had hardly time to eſcape half dreſs'd from the Flames, as likewiſe moſt of the Domeſticks. The Papers were good Part of them ſaved, the Reſt were quite conſumed, together with all the Houſhold Goods and the whole Houſe, in which ſeveral Carpenters and Maſons periſhed who came to help to put out the Flames. They add, that it was not known how this Fire did happen, nor had they as yet an exact Account of the rich Furniture loſt on this Occaſion; but whatever it be 'tis ſuppoſed the D. is able to bear it, his Eſtate being computed at about 30000 L. a Year.

They write from Florence, That on the 2d paſt, ſome Shocks of an Earthquake were felt at Magalo, but did no great Damage, at the ſame Time ſeveral Houſes were ſuddenly conſumed with the Lightning, and ſeveral Perſons buried under their Ruines.

They add that Senior Caritrati an old Captain who ſerved under the famous Maſſianello at Naples, dyed lately at Pontadore in the 117 Year of his Age.

Advices from Paris of the 29th Inſtant relate, That the King is indebted to the India Company 100 Millions, beſides the 90 Millions which his Majeſty has alienated to the ſaid Company, that an Iron Manufactory is ſet up in the Suburbs of St. Antony, where curious Iron Work of all Kinds are made by the beſt Artiſts to the greateſt Perfection.

'Tis reported that M. de Bonac the French Ambaſſador at the Porte will ſhortly return to Paris from Conſtantinople, whence its adviſed that the Baſhaw of Aſoph has received Orders from the Grand Seignior to march immediately with his Troops to join others in Georgia.

We have an Account from Dublin, that the Houſe of Commons have ordered ſeveral Perſons who had been concern'd in uttering Half-pence coin'd in Ireland to attend the Houſe, and reſolved to addreſs the Lord Lieutenant on Account of his Inſtructions relating to the Coinage thereof.

On Sunday laſt the Biſhop of London ordain'd ſeveral Prieſts and the like Number of Deacons at the Cathedral of St. Paul's. The ſame day died William Feldon, Eſq; a Groom of the Bedchamber to his Majeſty, at Epſom, after a long Indiſpoſition.

Yeſterday Morning Benjamin Collier, Eſq; Member of Parliament for Great Gramsiby in Lincolnſhire, returned from Paris, where he had been to ſee Mr. Knight, his Brother-in-law, whoſe Son is come over with him. 'Tis believed his Father is under no great Apprehenſions of any Demand for delivering him up.

Mr. Lock Senior has ſent ſeveral Perſons in queſt of two Men who are lately come over from France on Suſpicion of being concerned in the Murder of his Son, and the other Engliſh Gentlemen near Calais: The Occaſion of Mr. Seabright's Servant being wounded in ſeven Places with a Sword was, his not obeying the Orders of the Ruffians to ly on his Face for half an Hour, for when they were at a conſiderable Diſtance, he perceiving the Body of his Maſter to move, creep'd towards him, upon which the Villains returned and ſtab'd him, and afterwards gave him ſeveral Kicks on the Head with Jack-boots.

We hear the Woman's Son of the Silver Lyon at Calais is taken up on Suſpicion of being concerned in the aforeſaid barbarous Murder; and its diſcourſed that 2 or 3 more of them are taken, and that the Swiſs is ſent for over, to confront them. Mr. Hew's the Clergyman who went over with the late Biſhop of Rocheſter, is expected back, the latter End of the next Week, and Mr. Moris about a Month after.

This Day the Parliament met and was further prorogued to the 24 *Proximo*. The Lord Chief Juſtice King ſupplied the Place of the Lord Chancellor. This Day was held a Council of the Regency, at which was preſent the Duke of Newcaſtle, who returned from Claremond laſt Night.

The Duke of Tuſcany is dangerouſly ill of the the Stone. S. S. Stock is 112.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WHereas their Excellencies the LORDS JUSTICES, have Iſſued out their Warrant, for Electing a new Sett of Magiſtrates and Town Council in the Borogh of *Haddingtoun*, by way of *POLL*, in conſequence of a Decreet of the Lords of Seſſion, declaring the Election made in 1719, and all ſubſequent Elections, to have been Void: AND WHEREAS in that Borogh no regular Record is kept of *Honorary Burgeſſes*; 'Tis hoped that all Gentlemen and Others, Burgeſſes of the ſaid Borogh, who have any Regard for the Welfare and Peace thereof, and

viting them to be preſent at taking the *POLL*, to do Juſtice to thoſe Magiſtrates, to whom, in all Appearance, moſt of them owe the Complement of their Freedom; And that they will not neglect to bring their Burgeſs-Tickets along with them, and uſe their Intereſt with ſuch of their Servants as are Burgeſſes of the ſaid Borogh, to do the ſame. As the firmeſt Aſſurances can be given to the Friends of the late Magiſtrates, That, if they are preſent, there's no Proſpect, upon the ſtricteſt Computation that could be made, of their having the Mortification to vote with the Minority, ſo 'tis begg'd that no Inſinuations of their Enemies, concerning the Uſeleſsneſs of their Votes, will induce them to abſent themſelves. Notice ſhall be given in this *Paper* of the Day of Election.

†‡† One John Sutherland a *Kaithneſs* Man, a tall black Man, with his own black Hair, ſpeaking *Iriſh* and bad *Scots*, he engaged as Footman to my Lord *Lovat* about a Month ago, and run away South with his Liveries, and ſeveral other Things ſtole from my Lord *Lovat's* Servants, and from his Houſe; eſpecially a fine Seal, with my Lord *Lovat's* Arms well engraven on it: Whoever ſhall ſeize him, and acquaint his Lordſhip, or Mr. *John M'farland* Writer to the Signet *Edinburgh*, ſhall be rewarded.

☞ *There were ſtolen out of a Shop in* Dundee, *betwixt the* 13 *and* 16 *of* September *inſtant*, 4 *Piece fine ſtript Muſlin*, 1 *Piece coarſer ſtript Muſling*, 3 *Piece colour'd* Indian *Perſians*, 1 *Piece fine printed Linnen* 3 *Quarters wide, with a red Flower with ſet*, 1 *Piece flowerd white Ribban, with a* Sattin *Ground*; 1 *Dozen mourning Silk* Handkerchiefs, 1 *Dozen Handkerchiefs Silk and Cotton ſmall ſtript yellow and white, and green and white, and* 1 *Dozen leſs ditto*: *All Perſons are deſired to ſtop and ſeize the ſaid Goods, or any Part of them, and the Perſons who ſhall offer to ſell or pawn the ſame, and give Notice thereof to* Robert Guthrie *Merchant in* Dundee, *or the Printer hereof, ſhall be ſufficiently rewarded for their Pains, and all Charges born.*

⁂ Theſe are to give Notice to all Gentlemen, Merchants and others, who intend to tranſport themſelves or Goods for *Rotterdam*, in the good Ship called the *John* and *Marion* Galley of *Preſtounpans*; wherof, *Alexander Hog* is preſent Maſter; the Ship now lying at *Aloa*, and will be ready to ſail againſt the 5th of *October* next (Wind and Weather ſerving.) The Maſter is to be ſpoke with at the *Laigh Coffee houſe* in *Edinburgh*, or at *John Hog's* Houſe in *Preſtounpnas*. The Ship will Anchor in *Leith* Road, and ſail from *Preſtounpans* (God willing) againſt the foreſaid Time.

⁂ Theſe are to advertiſe all Perſons, that the *Michaelmaſs* Fair of *Gallaſhiels*, falling to be upon the Sabbath for this Year, is to hold upon the Tueſday next thereafter, being the firſt Day of *October* next. As alſo, that whenever the ſaid Fair ſhall at any Time hereafter, happen to fall upon Saturday, Sabbath or Monday, the ſame is to hold upon the Tueſday thereafter.

⁂ *That on* Tueſday *the eight of* October *next, by Warrand of the Magiſtrats of* Leith, *there is to be ſold by Way of publick Roup, in the Houſe of Ms.* Innes *on the Shoar of* Leith, *betwixt the Hours of Three and Four Afternoon, by the Creditors of the deceaſt* Thomas Mayo, *a convenient Dwelling Houſe, Rope Work and Pertinents, lying in the Links of* Leith, *near the Saw-Mill, preſently poſſeſt by* John Gray *Rope-Maker there. The Conditions of the Roup are to be ſeen at the Clerk's Chamber in* Leith.

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